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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire
Chief Clerk and Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
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Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Background Information Relevant to the Commission's August 27, 2015, Public Hearing on Duke Energy's Foothills Transmission and Substation Project - 45-Mile Transmission Line between Asheville, N.C., Power Plant and New Substation Near Campobello, S.C. and Information Stating That the Company Intends to File, in Late 2015 or Early 2016, an Application under the Utility Facility Siting and Environmental Protection Act
Docket No. 2015-305-E; and

Duke Energy Carolinas: Foothills Transmission and Substation Project- 45-Mile Transmission Line between Asheville, NC, Power Plant and New Substation Near Campobello, SC
Non-Docket No. 2015-20-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

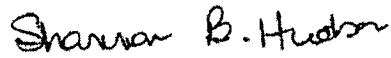
Enclosed please find correspondence received by the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff's ("ORS") Legal Department, from an interested consumer in the referenced matters above. A review of the dockets on the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's ("Commission") website shows that the enclosed correspondence has not been filed.

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Therefore, ORS is providing the Commission with the correspondence so that it may be added to the Commission's docket management system in the appropriate dockets.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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August 10, 2015

Senator Glenn G. Reese
507 Fagan Drive, Lake Bowen
Inman, SC 29349

W. J. Laughridge III

Dear Senator Reese,

Campobello, SC 29322

At an extremely interesting community meeting in Gowensville, S.C. last Friday, Glenn English, who just retired as CEO of the National Rural Electric Cooperatives Association after 19 years at its helm, proposed that Duke needs to address whether it can use its existing right of way for a 100-kilovolt transmission line that runs from Campobello to Asheville; and when asked afterwards, could not say why the 230-kilovolt that runs from Slater/Marietta direct to the Asheville plant has been ignored by Duke's planners (and which was conveniently left out of the maps presented to concerned parties online).

Duke's online map does show one potential route for the "new line" that essentially would follow an existing transmission line. It is the most central and direct option, situated west of Saluda and east of Flat Rock, rising through the east side of Hendersonville. It later picks up the path of an existing 44-kilovolt line west of Interstate 26 before splitting off and clipping into existing lines and on to the plant.

Mr. English, who is a resident of Landrum, South Carolina, indicated he's spoken to electrical engineers who cannot explain why Duke can't build its new lines onto its existing easements, (just as they did some months ago with the Jenkins facility).

He explained to us that some new towers may be required to hold lines, but also indicated they could run this new line with the existing power lines.

One could really question how hard Duke is pursuing the simplest and cheapest options by ignoring the most direct and existing easements; and all the while proposing to clear-cut new easements through our growing local economy, and some of the most beautiful real estate in South Carolina.

Mr. English indicated to me that at the minimum, Duke should use the existing routes that they have ... and I think it is intuitive obvious to the most casual, if not least interested individual, that he is correct!

In closing, Senator Reese, we need you to help save the Foothills area, the I-26 gateway both to North and South Carolina. **Please contact the Public Service Commission regarding Duke Energy (permit#ND 2015-20-E) and tell them not to allow Duke Energy to despoil the Foothills community. Please call, write them or email — the Public Service Commission of South Carolina, 101 Executive Center Dr., Suite 100, Columbia, SC 29210 or 803-896-5100 or by email to Jocelyn.Boyd@psc.sc.gov. Comments to Duke Energy are being taken through August 31st at WCTransmissionEnhancements@duke-energy.com — and please copy me.**

Thanking you in advance for your active support.


W.J. Laughridge III